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Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
	No:	Claims	

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	No:	Claims	

Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
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**2. Citations and explanations
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